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1. [redacted] the Alt-Erlauer
 25X1 Fabrikerei und Appretur A.G., Vienna XIV, Hauptstrasse 13, was requisitioned by
 25X1 the Soviets under the terms of the Potsdam Agreement. [redacted] Comment:
 25X1 This confirms [redacted] information submitted [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] This dyeing and finishing plant is an enterprise dealing
 25X1 primarily with woollens. Whereas, before the war, the plant employed 250 persons,
 25X1 it now has only about 50 workers and is operating at approximately 5% of its
 25X1 capacity. The shareholders of this factory are Sudeten Germans from Asch
 25X1 who were forced to move to Bavaria in 1945. The Soviets base their claim on
 25X1 the assertion that Sudeten Germans are German citizens. [redacted] Comment:
 25X1 Although before the war this plant accounted for about 20% of the wool finish-
 ing in Austria, no serious damage to Austrian economy is threatened because
 of the expropriation, since the Austrian finishing industry can fill Austrian
 requirements without this plant.)
2. Early in November 1947, the Soviet director of Eisen- und Stahl A.G.,
 25X1 Vienna IV, Lothringerstrasse 4, visited the scrap yard [redacted] He
 25X1 demanded the immediate surrender of 400 tons of war booty scrap metal. The
 25X1 [redacted] firm explained to him that only about 60 tons of the scrap in the yard
 25X1 were war booty, and that the remainder had been bought by the firm, in-
 25X1 cluding old and new machines and wrecked cars which it had collected with the
 25X1 permission of "Russian offices" and reduced to scrap. This was explained [redacted]
 25X1 [redacted] to the Eisen- und Stahl A.G., which demanded the immediate delivery
 25X1 of the 400 tons of scrap, failing which it would lodge a formal complaint
 with the Soviet Legal Division. [redacted] Comment: This situation doubtless
 results from scrap contracts made by the Soviets [redacted] for which
 the former have already received payments. Since the Russians are far behind
 in their deliveries, the Eisen- und Stahl A.G. is seeking wherever possible
 to find so-called war booty scrap metal and to enforce delivery.)

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